

REMARKS

1. The Pending Claims

Claims 1-40 are pending in this application. Claims 16-24 have been elected for examination. No new claims have been presented.

2. The Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 1-15 and 28-40, drawn to a nucleic acid array

Group II, claims 16-24, drawn to a nucleic acid complex,

Group III, claim 25, drawn to a method of detecting the presence or absence of a target sequence.

Group IV, claims 26 and 27, drawn to a method of detecting a sequence difference between a target sequence and a sequence of interest.

The Examiners reasons in support of this restriction requirement are given on page 2 of the Office Action.

Applicants elect, without traverse, the subject matter of claims of Group II for examination in this application.

3. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request examination of this application in view of the election presented in this response. If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Response that is not otherwise accounted for, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-4126.

Respectfully submitted,

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